

Support the War Chest Program

NJ ABC, through an ABC Federation, has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks into those Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no support during their imprisonment. We currently are able to support seven PP/POW's by sending them monthly checks of up to \$60. We have been able to maintain this since November '94. There is also an Emergency Fund designed to send one time checks to those PP/POW's in need of emergency assistance. With the guidance from the prisoners, a list of other PP/POW's who are in great need of this type of support is being made. Though still small, the "War Chest" program is having an impact. As Sekou Odinga (a POW currently receiving a monthly check) writes, "Thanks much for the support you've been organizing, I really appreciate it. After not having any or very little support for so long, it now seems like (people) have all of a sudden realized that I am alive." We ask that you endorse this program by giving any monthly or one time donations to this effort to increase the number of prisoners being supported monthly. A financial report is published that documents all money received and the prisoners it was sent to. The prisoners addresses are also printed so that endorsers may write and hold us accountable.

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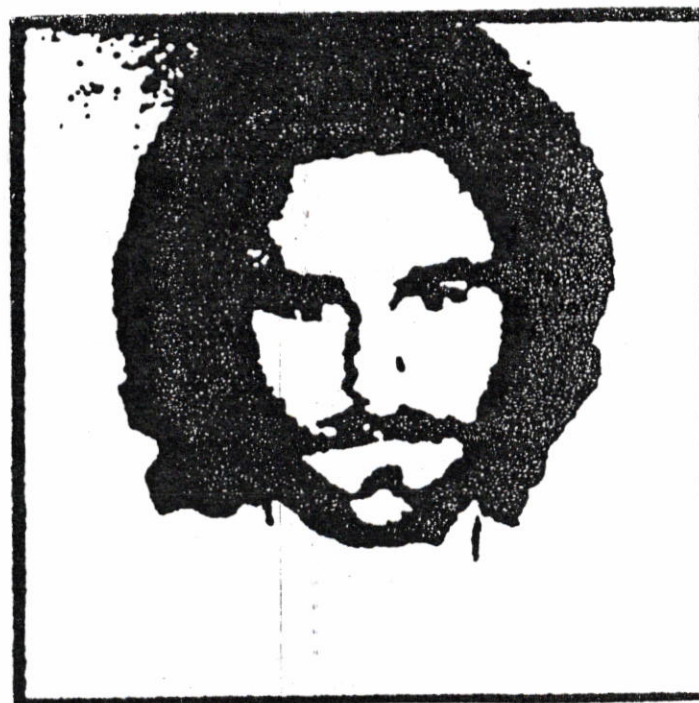
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PRE SENTENCE  
ALLOCATION OF  
BILL DUNNE



an Anarchist Black Cross benefit pamphlet



Bill Dunne is an anti-authoritarian Political Prisoner currently being held at the infamous Marion. He was captured along with Larry Giddings following the attempted liberation of a prisoner in 1979. He was sentenced to 90 years. Proceeds from this pamphlet will be going to Bill. Copies can be attained from: Moncton ABC-SG P.O.Box 25103 Moncton N.B. E1C 9M9 Canada



ance mentioned before. You denied me the right to present a defense to your accusations of crime but, I have attempted to use these proceedings to expose the contradictions inherent in them and their lack of legitimacy and that of what led to them.

Now, you will use the power you have stolen from the people to do what it is you are going to do and pretend to justify the massive amount of money you have wasted in getting to this point. You will add something to the forever your gang has already imposed on me for political direct action in an attempt to make some arcane statement of your own. But I am not intimidated at the prospect, nor am I chastened by it or moved to be obsequious before your power. All you can take from me is my life, and if you are going to do that, you're going to do it. A forever sentence plus 1 or 10 or 100 or whatever is still forever. You can enlarge the number but it means the same and will not change what I know or think of will happen to me. So do now what you will, compound the crime. It means nothing to me.

their deleterious effects to some extent.

So, too, does the community you allege to serve suffer from these conditions. Despite the existence of far more productive means to deal with crime, you persist in maintaining the foregoing and worse conditions. Given your undeniable knowledge and vast resources, it becomes obvious that it is not protection of the community in which you are interested but the creation of an anti-social force of damaged and deranged individuals who will prey upon the community and so give you an excuse to maintain your occupying army of police and repressive apparatus against and amongst the people.

In light of the foregoing sketch, it is apparent that you and your master's existence is predicated on a continuous series of infamous crimes strung together with a web of lies and deceit against anyone and everyone not on your side of the barricade. Once the thin velvet glove is stripped away, it can be seen that your claims to legitimacy are specious and that to recognize such claims is to cooperate in your criminality. No reasonable person who has had the opportunity and information to see and analyse past the efforts of your propaganda machine, to see the iron fist lurking beneath the velvet glove, could do other than resist your illegitimate authority and its exploitation and oppression in one or more of the myriad ways available to we, the people. You can duck and dodge, lie and connive, but you can't hide; as your ability to disguise your illegitimacy decreases, more and more of your victims will see it and, when enough of them do, the people will rise, as my co-defendant, Ron Duarte, has already informed you.

Accordingly, I cannot, will not, and do not recognize your legitimacy to sentence or do anything else to me and feel YOU owe ME an apology for having caused me to tolerate this farce, though I have no illusions at this point that you will act appropriately. To the extent that I have participated in the window dressing of these proceedings, my efforts have been an attempt at the resist-

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Through an apparent Freudian slip, your apparatus has limited my adversary in this attempt to criminalize the non-criminal to the United States and did not have the effrontery to abuse the name of "the people" by adding it thereto. You have demonstrated your utter disregard for those people by wasting mass dollars on this reprehensible charade to add some years to what already are functionally forever sentences. Your crime in this regard is aggravated by having been perpetrated in this time of economic privation for so many. How many old people have died of cold amid dog food cans for want of far less wealth than has been squandered on this opulent power game? How much has our future been mortgaged to malnutrition and ignorance as WIC food programs and education funds are cut while government tries to show its omnipotence by expensively squishing a couple more of the powerless more than they can be squished? To what extent has the quality of life to come been sacrificed to the trappings and glorification of power and imperial government such as are represented by these proceedings. Only you and your bretheren who are the motors of this madness can answer. But the fact that you have gone through with this pointless demonstration of your purloined power tells me what that answer would be. Your stated intention to do so told me that acquiescing in my own oppression with a "deal" would not free the wealth you have misused to feed the people or otherwise serve their interests, and your subsequent actions have confirmed that. Your practice says that it would much more likely be used for more tools of oppression, more chains, another bomb or bullet with which to kill someone struggling for freedom.

That practice also demonstrates your need to legitimize the illegitimate with form rather than content and to try to fool all of the people all of the time. Toward that end, you have subjected me and my co-defendant, Ron Duarte, to this mockery of the idea of justice and now intend to "sentence" me as you have done Ron and so try to brand as criminal the legitimate exercise of the human rights to which any reasonable person would feel impelled when con-



fronted with the conditions of imprisonment extant in the American Gulag Archipelago. But it is human nature to resist oppression and, though you may be able to cover that fact up with your power and legalistic appearances and slick public relations, you cannot change it. Neither can you legitimize with those forms the usurpation of the people's power by your small and narrow class of exploiters and oppressors. This will become apparent even to you as maintaining the ascendancy of that class necessitates increasing and more blatant abrogations of the rights you falsely call inalienable and now sometimes grant for the sake of appearances. Even now, the credibility and legitimacy of your government gang and the masters with which it colludes is being increasingly sabotaged as they assassinate their own character with their actions, of which this supposed trial was one.

Your collective hypocrisy and illegitimacy is manifest in, for instance, your violation of your own laws, Title 18, United States Code, Sections 956-62 specifically, in addition to international and human law to export murder, destruction, and poverty in order to crush the hopes and aspirations of the Nicaraguan people. You do this by arranging economic and armed intervention to destroy the undeniably positive accomplishments they have made since overthrowing the hateful tyrant Somoza whose indisputable crimes against humanity you supported and encouraged. Under your hand, such reactionary terrorism is also heavily scattered elsewhere among the inhabitants of Latin America, sowing death and disaster for the benefit of only a small minority. You attempt to disguise its criminality with red-baiting hysteria and vague assertions of American interests, by which you mean your ability to exploit the labor and resources of the people and profit from the wars of oppression for which you force American Workers to pay. You cannot realistically claim legitimacy in the face of your perpetration of such crimes to steal the wealth and liberty of the people of that region.

That hypocrisy is also apparent in your violation of the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868, amongst many, many others, between the

that is protected by your "rule of law".

Even the character of the repression you inflict on those to whom you have ascribed guilt of transgression of your law shows your hypocrisy and illegitimacy to so misuse the people's name, authority, and money. In your present position of power and in light of your current practice, I would not expect you to be particularly worried about one more exposure of the inhumanity you have created and perpetuate in the dark concrete corners of your prisons by a small and weak voice such as mine. Apparently, however, you are, as you took pains to insure that you would not be confronted with the conditions of the American gulag during this trial. But the use of your physical power, the power of your armed henchpeople, to prevent those barbarous conditions from being brought out in support of our necessity defense does not mean they don't exist.

Still very real is the racism inherent in your ensignment of people to your prisons and in the artificial divisions and conflicts you use it to create as a means of control, regardless of the suffering and aggravation of existing social ills in which it results. Still very real is the brutality of prison officials and their quickness to resort to force and violence, their creation of circumstances to encourage violence between prisoners, and their maintenance of an atmosphere of tension, insecurity, and threat. Still very real is the increasing use of internal exile, the banishment of prisoners to distant prisons far from their families and communities, often in retaliation for the exercise of supposedly protected rights. And still very real are the murders, assaults, gassings, chainings for long periods, forever sentences, overcrowded and antiquated facilities, lack of opportunity for constructive pursuits such as education, recreation, and cultural activities, lack of any security in job, housing, property, or location, isolation from the community and the deprivation of any power with which to contest this victimization. All prisoners of your state are subject to these deplorable conditions, and all fall victim to

and illegitimate conditions of the American Gulag and still claim to accord equal protection under the laws? Not legitimately!

The fact that your law and government forms are merely a tool of control into which principle enters only marginally, if at all, is further demonstrated by the facility with which you shuck those elements thereof which run contrary to your perceived interests. You have whittled away at the first amendment of your Bill of Rights to allow the suppression of publications such as Washington Prison News Service and use its deprivation as a punishment in your prisons. The second amendment has been drastically curtailed and is subject to increasing attack. The fourth amendment no longer allows for the security it was intended to protect or did even as little as fifteen years ago. If this trial in which the right to a defense was denied is an example, the fifth amendment has been seriously damaged too. Likewise, this trial saw the contravention of 5 of the 8 provisions of the 6th amendment. Your prison system, your gulag, puts the lie to the 8th amendment and your state and federal gangs have disenfranchised the people to the point that their inclusion in the 9th and 10th amendments is meaningless. And the list goes on.

Should an element of your apparatus turn out to benefit the people to a degree displeasing to you, it is quickly moved against. An example thereof in the U. S. Civil Rights Commission, whose principled actions in defense of freedom were stopped and are now being rolled back. This was done through the base stacking of that commission with new and reactionary appointments that will vigorously pursue the interests of your class, as has been demonstrated since the stacking. Similarly, the Environmental Protection Agency, through corruption and political manipulation, has been turned from a tool with which to safeguard and defend and insure the intelligent use of the earth and its inhabitants and resources into a means for private theft of public money, land, resources, and irreplaceable natural heritage for the power and profit and greed of a few. Hence, we see that it is expediency and not legitimacy

United States and the Sioux Nation. Your laws meant, and still mean, nothing when it came time to steal land and resources and culture and even lives from the indigenous people of THAT area. And when they protested, they were murdered by shot and starvation and subterfuge. Nor has your gang made any moves to correct this genocidal oppression in the name of thinly disguised greed; instead, it moves to make its thefts complete and permanent with forced sterilization, discrimination, impoverished reservations, armed force, and efforts to turn sacred native land into "national sacrifice areas". In the face of such crimes committed as a matter of right, any claim to legitimacy to say what is or is not crime and impose punishment for it is laughable.

The hypocrisy and illegitimacy of your government gang's posturing as representatives of the people is further apparent in your support for British imperialism and its murder and mayhem in Ireland, even aside from direct participation in your own in violation of international law, again, yours and not the people's. You are quick to brand as "terrorists" Irish Republican freedom fighters, but who are the real terrorists? Never has an Irish Republican killed a child with a plastic bullet, but the British occupation forces do it frequently, not to mention keeping a people divided and enforcing privation, desperation, and exploitation for the benefit of a relative few. And they do so without bringing ANY positive results, let alone those of the republican movement. You obtentatiously waste large quantities of the people's money ceremoniously receiving such symbols and perpetrators of persecution and repression as the queen of England and Margaret Thatcher, as well as other international government gangsters, but deny entry to, harass, and even jail people whose popular support is not predicated on torture and violence. In this manner, you sought to prevent, for example Sinn Fein elected representatives from explaining the plight of the Irish people to American ones.

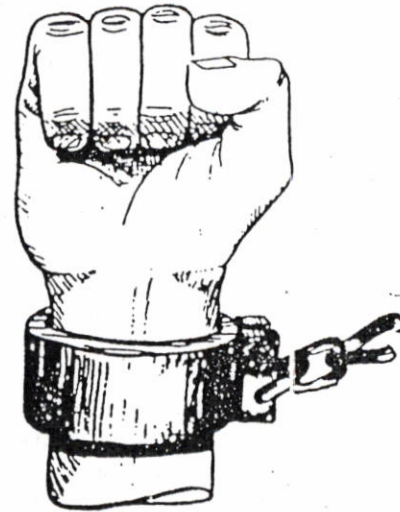
And who are you to say who is a terrorist after your invas-



sions of Grenada, Nicaragua, and Lebanon and murder of their citizens on the basis of chimerical fantasies intended only to cover up your greed? Who, after occupying Puerto Rico in a manner very similar to Britain's colonial occupation of Ireland, and using over a quarter of its arable land in pursuit of military madness while its people are impoverished and hungry? The only real difference between the different imperialisms is a matter of degree and so all you agents of western imperialism are forced to try to legitimize each other. But your unprincipled practices and the suffering you inflict in order to maintain your power and privilege make such attempts transparent and futile.

I could go on and on around the world cataloging the evidence of your illegitimacy and in such greater depth and detail, but that is not necessary as it is also obvious in your dealings with the people you purport to represent. By exploiting other peoples over the years, you have managed to secure control of enough of the world's wealth to attempt to buy off a portion of the North American population with somewhat higher living standards and conceal your oligarchic tyranny, but that does not mean you have limited your exploitation and oppression to "over there". Your power and position is built in large part on the armed robbery and swindle of land and resources from Native Americans and the labor of slaves and droves of immigrants who were little, if any, better off than slaves. In grabbing it, there was no force or subterfuge to which your power elite and its government tool would not stoop to prevent the people from gaining meaningful control of their labor and lives, even if it did cost a little more exposure of your illegitimacy.

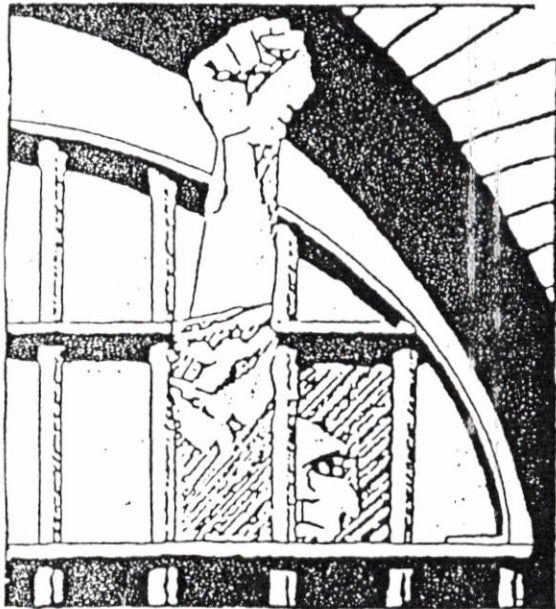
A. E. Vanderbilt's quotation "the public be damned" summarized the attitude of your class, and its actions demonstrated that attitude. What was the condoned mass murder of striking Pullman Railroad workers by Finkertons, if not a demonstration of your illegitimacy? What was the Ludlow, Colorado massacre of striking miners by national guard but a demonstration that yours is a gov-



Bribers, bribe takers, price fixers, inside traders, users of sub-standard materials, defrauders on government contracts, makers of dangerously inferior products, influence peddlers, waste producers, etc., etc., ad nauseum are subject to only comparatively minor penalties and allowed to report at their convenience to "country club" prisons for token confinement, if they are prosecuted or incarcerated at all. Even a president who tried to steal the country, from you, for you have already stolen it from the people, got nothing worse than retired to a life of luxury. People struggling in defense of their lives, families, people, and human rights are much more likely to get forever sentences, or worse. The process by which you come to the imposition of such sentences shows that the "inalienable rights" supposedly inherent in it are little more than popular mythology dependent on the power to enforce them. How, for instance, can the same system that allowed the murderer of a San Francisco Mayor and city supervisor to raise the infamous "twinkie defense" in which he alleged that a junk food diet made him crazy and so not responsible deny a person the right to explain the necessity for attempting to depart from the illegal, inhumane, immoral,

uctive items. Instead of providing real freedom and equality for all, you waste many further billions of dollars trying to create the appearance of liberty and equity with your repressive apparatus and show trials such as this. This is not the stuff of which legitimacy is made, and it is only your arrogance that leads you to claim that it is.

Neither is the fact of the double and multiple standards that you not only employ but have codified in the laws you use to give a further appearance that there may be some legitimacy to your hegemony over the present society. While victimless illegalities, acts of economic coercion, results of the ignorance you foster, products of your sick conditioning, political transgression of the status quo, and petty opportunism of limited victimization are subject to draconian pursuit, prosecution, and punishment, crimes that steal from, defraud, injure, and even kill large numbers of people get by with marginal, if any, punishment, if they are detected at all.

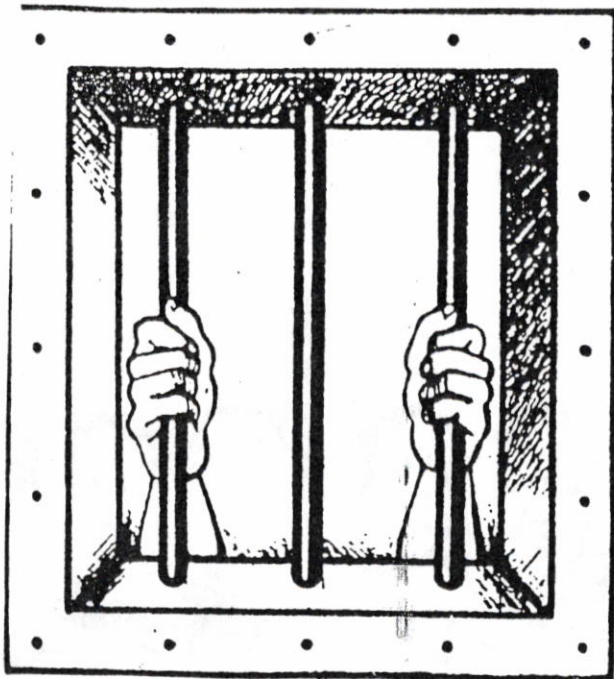


ernment of the few, by the few and for the few? What was the racist internment of masses of Oriental people during the inter-imperialist war with Japan, but a demonstration that your only legitimacy is in your physical power to oppress? The demonstrations in the history of this country alone of your illegitimacy to make moral judgements or any others against people are legion and beyond my meager ability to delineate. They are not, however, limited to the bygone past; the past only provides a showing of continuity to your pattern and practice of illegitimacy.



That pattern and practice continues in the present era as the corruption of capitalism and its chronic crises lead you to escalating repression in order to maintain the growth and authority of your class, despite that being at the expense of the majority of the people. You lonely lament the economic and attendant social hardships of which the people have been made victim, yet it is your class that engineered them. They enabled you to make massive demands on workers to surrender pay and benefits for which they had struggled for years. They allowed you to decrease the cost of labor by creating a large pool of unemployed and disorganized workers on the verge of poverty while increasing profits for those who, like you produce nothing. Those hardships also permitted you to set up the conditions to insure that people would be pleased at having been squeezed out of their jobs by automation, runaway shops, commodity manipulations, and other devices without having been made beneficiaries of the wealth they had produced and which you use as the instrument of their dispossession.





Yes, the "recession" served the government and its masters well by making people content with less while they took more. It also made them think that an unemployment rate described by distorting statistical machinations as 8% represents good times, and helped hide from them all they had lost while the rich got richer. It also served to widen the gap between have and have not, controller and controlled, by destroying thousands of small producer/employers, either giving the corporate bourgeoisie greater control of goods and services and so more ability to exploit, or depriving the people of those goods and services. On top of that, it also helped you divide the people in order to better rule them by forcing them to compete for increasingly scarce economic resources and encouraging racism, sexism, sectarianism, and other forms of divisive and destructive intolerance. That is why you created the recession. The evidence shows that it was not an evil that just fell from the sky, suiting bourgeois and proletarian alike.

How many people died as a result of this deliberate rip-off of yours? How many mothers lost children to an enhanced infant mortality rate or had their lives locked into the limitations of poverty through malnutrition, exposure, substandard housing, and inadequate medical care? How many life spans were thus shortened? How many were murdered by your police or semi-murdered with imprisonment for attempting to ameliorate their destitution illegally? How many people were made victims of a diminished quality of life by being subject to the vagaries of existence in a society that has been thus artificially deteriorated and impoverished? I know what your answers to these questions would be; your practice demonstrates them, and it does nothing to support the lie of your legitimacy.

In the face of all of this, your gang and its masters cry for "austerity" as the path to economic salvation and to further plunder the people. There is not much direct profit in education and knowledge is power, and you do not want to surrender any of THAT, so you devote less and less of the wealth extorted from the people in the form of taxes to education. Housing and human services such as health care, nutritional assistance, day care, mass transit, and environmental protection are labor intensive and not so very profitable for you. In addition, forcing people to scramble after these things and compete for them sows division and distrust among the populace and insures that their time and energy will be used up on that instead of on seeing past your propaganda machine and organizing against you for better lives. Instead of providing for such social necessities, you squander the people's wealth at the rate of 250 billion dollars this year on massive tools of repression, destruction, and death that have no socially redeeming function and create far fewer jobs per dollar than the services, facilities, and products so desperately needed by people now. Instead of making the people's wealth serve them, you pay bankers and other elements of your class who do not produce around 100 billion dollars per year in "interest" on money "borrowed" to finance profits for the corporate bourgeoisie on socially unprod-